

Fashion and Fabrics

Links to Geography, Science & History

2 hours

Learning Objectives:

- To understand how different fabrics are made
- To understand - through experimentation - that different fabrics have different properties
- To identify suitable uses for fabrics
- To recognise that fashion has changed over time
- To learn about Shwopping and why it's important
- To have fun

Pupils will identify different types of fabric and discover how fashion has changed over time.

Activity	Content
Welcome	Meet and greet Coats and bags
Introduction	Why are you here? What we are going to do Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fire procedure• lavatories• exhibition space
What is M&S? What is an archive?	What is M&S? What do you already know? What is an archive? Why do we preserve objects and documents?
Exploring textiles	How many types of fabric can you think of? Do you know where they come from? Do you know how they are made? Distribute samples of fabrics and ask pupils to describe how they feel and look Play the What's it Made From game
Test the Fabrics	Pupils work in small groups to conduct simple experiments on fabric samples Discuss what properties they have and what they would be used to make and why Introduce some new types of fabric (rayon, polyester, crimplene etc) and talk about how they are/were made and their properties
Recycling clothing	Show Shwopping film Ask what it's about Explain what Shwopping is and how pupils can help
Fashion through time	Introduce each outfit and ask when pupils think it is from Dress a volunteer in the outfit Ask what their job is/how old they are/what they are going to do etc to illustrate the role clothes can play
Plenary	Evaluation questions.